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SUMMARY: PUBLIC HANDLING OF PEACE PROCESS, NOTABLY
SADAT REMARKS TO JAMES RESTON (SEPTTEL),STRESSES THAT
U.S. POSITION MUST NOT WAIVER UNDER ISRAELI PRESSURE
AND MUST BE ACCEPTED BY ISRAEL AS BASIS FOR LASTING
PEACE. SADAT HAS REPORTEDLY MADE THESE EXPECTATIONS
CLEAR IN VERBAL MESSAGE TO PRES CARTER. PRESS CONDEMNS
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BEGIN'S ATTITUDE ON SETTLEMENTS AND 242 AND IS HOPEFUL
"LESS INTRANSIGENT" WEIZMAN WILL EXPAND HIS INFLUENCE.
NOTES BRIEFLY WALDHEIM HAS REVIVED HIS PROPOSAL FOR
PREPARATORY ME PEACE CONFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

1. U.S. ROLE. PAPERS QUOTED EXTENSIVE SADAT COMMENTS
ON U.S. ROLE TO JAMES RESTON (SEPTTEL) TO STRESS SADAT'S

CONVICTION THAT ONLY TWO THINGS MATTER IN PEACE PROCESS:
USG POSITION, WHICH MUST BE UNWAVERING IN FACE OF
ISRAELI PRESSURE, AND U.S. DETERMINATION TO MAKE ISRAEL
ACCEPT THAT POSITION AS BASIS FOR LASTING PEACE.

2. MESSAGE TO CARTER. AHRAM REPORTS SADAT HAS GIVEN
ATHERTON VERBAL MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER RECOUNTING
"WHAT EGYPT EXPECTS FROM U.S. PEACE EFFORTS" AND
ADMONISHING U.S. "NOT TO LET CHANCE FOR PEACE SLIP AWAY".
MESSAGE ALSO EXPRESSED GRATITUDE FOR ATHERTON EFFORTS
AND EGYPTIAN DETERMINATION CONTINUE ON ROAD TO PEACE.
STORIES AGAIN ARGUE HOPEFULLY THAT BEGIN WILL FIND SADAT
HAS WROUGHT MAJOR CHANGE IN U.S. PUBLIC OPINION.

3. LOOKING AT ISRAEL. PAPERS SEEMED UNSURE WHAT TO MAKE
OF ISRAELI DIFFERENCES OVER SETTLEMENTS AND 242. MARCH 8
EDITORIALS CONDEMNED BEGIN ATTITUDE, REFLECTED HOPE
THAT "LESS INTRANSIGENT" WEIZMAN BECOME MORE INFLUENTIAL,
AND WONDERED AGAIN WHETHER U.S. WILL BE ABLE CHANGE S
BEGIN'S POSITIONS. MARCH 9 PRESS SUBSEQUENTLY REPORTED
EXTENSIVELY BEGIN DETERMINATION TO HANG TOUGH ON 242
BUT RESERVED INTERPRETATION OF EFFECT IT MIGHT HAVE ON
EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI RIVALRY FOR U.S. FAVOR.

4. UN ALTERNATIVE? AHRAM REPORTS WITHOUT COMMENT
WALDHEIM AGAIN RAISING PROPOSAL FOR PREPARATORY MIDDLE
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